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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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THE REPLY FILED 18 January 2005 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The reply was filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing an appeal brief. The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because

- (a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
- (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) will not be entered, or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: _____.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

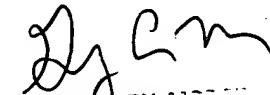
11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicant's response (p. 8, ¶III A) argues that Park fails to teach or suggest a single encrypted state object. Applicant relies on applicant's disclosure which states that "... cookies or tokens are types of information containing objects referred to herein as 'state objects'" and which recites "a state object called a cookie". Applicant relies on this disclosure to argue that Park, who discloses a seal cookie containing state information encrypted under a private key of a public key pair (Fig. 3 & p. 39, ¶Providing Integrity), does not teach a single object. Park teaches encrypted state information (different types of cookies) using a private key to provide integrity (the well known use of public key cryptography) (Fig. 3). Applicant argues that Park's encryption of different cookies is not a single state object. However, a state object is an abstract concept where information concerning a current "state" is stored to future reference. The information in the "state object" however is neither defined in the claims, nor standardized in the art. Park's cookies contain state information and they (which could be only a single cookie) are entirely encrypted with a private key and placed in a seal cookie. Therefore, Park teaches encrypting a single state object with a private key. Park's disclosure could be a single cookie, indicated by the ellipses in Fig. 3. Further, assuming arguendo, that applicant's limitations in the disclosure were to be read into the claims, applicant cannot rely on "cookie" as defined by applicant to apply to all cookies, as a cookie is an abstract concept referring to pieces of data that contain state-related information. Cookies are application-specific and hence contain a vast array of information. Therefore, Park's "seal cookie" contains a single state object encrypted under a private key. Schneier is referred to for teaching that integrity (which Park clearly states is important to guarantee for cookies) can be achieved by encrypting data with the private key of a public key pair and sending the encrypted data. When the data is decrypted with the public key of the public key pair, the data's integrity is verified. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to encrypt the seal cookie with the private key of the server. The benefit of the application of Schneier is to provide integrity guarantees to the seal cookie.

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